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SUBJ: LEBANESE MISSION BELIEVES US CONDEMNATION OF
RENEWED ISRAELI RAIDS MAY AVERT SECURITY COUNCIL
MEETING

1. LEBANESE ACTING PERM REP MAHAMASSANI TELLS US HE HAS AS YET
RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS TO REQUEST COUNCIL MEETING FOLLOWING
JUNE 20 ISRAELI ATTACKS ON FIVE REFUGEE CAMPS. EGYPTIAN MISSION
HAS PROMISED SUPPORT IF LEBANESE TAKE MATTER TO COUNCIL,
BUT HAS NOT URGED THEM TO DO SO.

2. MAHAMASSANI BELIEVES HIS GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
LONGWITHSTAND PRESSURES FOR ACTION BUILDING UP WITHIN LEBANON
AND AMONG NEIGHBORING ARAB STATES. HE CONSIDERS DEPARTMENT'S
JUNE 19 STATEMENT DEPLORING PREVIOUS RAIDS AS "ACTS THAT
WORK AGAINST THE CLIMATE FOR PEACE" TO HAVE BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN
RELIEVING PRESSURE FROM BEIRUT TO GO TO COUNCIL. HE HOPES
DEPARTMENT WILL FOLLOW UP TODAY WITH STRONGER CONDEMNATION.

3. COMMENT: THERE IS STRONG SENSE AMONG ARAB DELEGATIONS
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HERE THAT US ASSURANCES TO ISRAEL OF SUPPORT FO RETALIATORY

ACTION AGAINST FEDAYEEN CONSTITUTED BLANK CHECK, AND ARE THUS IN
PART RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT ARABS SEE AS DISPROPORTIONATE
ISRAELI RESPONSE. FROM OUR STANDPOINT, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF
DEPT AT JUNE 20 NOON PRESS BRIEFING COULD MAKE TWO POINTS
IN ADDITION TO CONDEMNING CONTINUING ISRAELI ATTACKS:
A) US ASSURANCES WERE MADE IN CONTEXT OF RECENT
DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND ARE LIMITED TO ISRAELI-SYRIAN FRONTIER;
AND
B) ASSURANCES WERE NOT CARTE BLANCHE, BUT APPLY TO
MEASURED, PROPORTIONATE RETALIATION.
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